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**THE MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
HELD  
ON THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2007, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE  
DON MORRIS ROOM OF THE MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Uday Tate, Shane Tomblin, Joe Stone, Deepak Subedi, Larry Stickler (Chair), Stephen Lawson, Linda Dobbs, Michael Stroehrer, Peter Saveliev, Bonnie Lawrence, Brian Morgan, Ralph Oberste-Vorth, Karen Mitchell, Clayton Brooks (Recording Secretary), Daniel Dementiev, Dan Hollis, Jennifer Perry, Loukia Dixon, Kelly Harlow, Sandra Prunty, Venkat Gudivada, John Biros, Barbara O'Byrne, Stephen O'Keefe, Jerry Doyle, Sissy Isaacs, Kathy Seelinger, Laura Wyant, Mindy Backus, Gary McIlvain, Janet Dozier, Melisa Reed, Marybeth Beller, Susan Gilpin, Pam Mulder, Keith Beard, Camilla Brammer, Marty Laubach, Donna Sullivan, David Winter, Floyd Csir, William Cocke, Kenneth Guyer (Assistant Chair), Ernest Walker, and Nancy Norton.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rex McClure, Dan Babb, Ben Miller, James Burton, James Leonard, Kevin Barksdale, Karl Winton, Wendy Moorhead, Tina Sias, and Mike Goldman.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Cheryl Brown present.

**GUESTS:** James Sottile, Jim Stephens, Elizabeth Hanrahan, Sarah Denman, Frances Hensley, Tony Szwilski, Rosalyn Templeton, Stephen Kopp, Allan Stern, Barbara Winters, Shortie McKinney, and Steve Hensley.

Declaring that there was a quorum, Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Larry Stickler called the meeting to order at approximately 4:03 p.m.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the March 29, 2007 meeting were approved as read.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dr. Larry Stickler**

- A. Introduced Loukia Dixon, Communication Disorders, COHP; who is a temporary substitute for Karen McNealy.
- B. Announced a reminder that Senators should sit around the table, others should sit at the chairs provided; cell phones should be set to "silent" mode; they are to state their name and college when addressing the Faculty Senate; and if necessary, use a microphone when speaking.
- C. Announced a reminder to those seated in the gallery to refrain from conversations or to go out of the room to have conversations.
- D. Announced the April meeting schedules: ACF – unknown; HEPC –April 26, 2007, location TBA; and the MUBOG – met April 23, 2007 in Huntington, WV.
- E. Announced that the University President has approved the following recommendations: SR-06-07-12 CC, SR-06-07-14 APC, SR-06-07-15 APC, SR-06-07-17 UFC, and SR-06-07-18 UFC.

- F. Announced that the University President has disapproved the following recommendation: SR-06-07-16 APC with the following comment, "Recommendation is contrary to the one the office of the president is making to the Curriculum Committee."
- G. Announced that the spring General Faculty meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 27, 2007 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Playhouse of the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. Nominations from the floor will be taken for faculty representation on the MU Board of Governors and the WV Advisory Council of Faculty. Retiring and award winning faculty will also be honored.
- H. Announced that the last meeting for this academic year of the Faculty Senate is scheduled for Thursday, May 3, 2007 beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center's Don Morris Room.
- I. Discussed the Liaison positions to see who wishes to continue.
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|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------|
| Academic Planning              | Karl Winton         | _____  |
| Athletic                       | Bonita Lawrence     | on     |
| sabbatical                     |                     |        |
| Budget & Academic Policy       | Marybeth Beller     | no___  |
| Curriculum                     | Brian Morgan        | yes___ |
| Faculty Development            | Ralph Oberste-Vorth | yes___ |
| Faculty Personnel              | Camilla Brammer     | yes___ |
| Graduate Council               | Stephen O'Keefe     | yes___ |
| Legislative Affairs            | Marty Laubach       | yes___ |
| Library                        | David Winter        | yes___ |
| Physical Facilities & Planning | Karen Mitchell      | yes___ |
| Research                       | Peter Saveliev      | yes___ |
| Student Conduct & Welfare      | Kevin Barksdale     | _____  |
| University Functions           | Donna Sullivan      | yes___ |
- J. Discussed the need for Faculty Senate representation on the Carter G. Woodson Initiative Committee. As there were no volunteers it was decided to place this item on the May 3, 2007 announcements.

### 3. **REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:** Dr. Stephen Kopp

- Provided an update on the Capstone Project: No operational costs will be incurred by the university nor will any base funds be used from the university as the fee structure and reserve funds will pay for the operation of the facilities, maintenance and deferred maintenance. Construction is scheduled to begin on the residence halls in May 2007 and the recreation center in July 2007. The residence halls will have rooms for visiting faculty and guests as well as two theatres that may be utilized for courses and by the residents.
- Announced that university personnel are currently reviewing the security procedures used in the residence halls.
- Stated that \$3.5 million dollars has been appropriated for the construction of an engineering lab; which is a most urgent need for the program's growth as well as for its upcoming accreditation.
- Provided an update on the baseball and softball fields: Funds are being obtained for the relocation of the softball field which may be built on the north side of Third Avenue

across from the Shewey Building and there is a prospect that the land for the baseball field will be gifted to the university.

- Requested to know what is the faculty's preferable time, 1:00 p.m. or 2:00 p.m., for the faculty picnic that will be held on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the president's residence.
- Discussed the First Year Experience Program that is being designed to get freshmen students more involved with activities on campus; all freshmen will be asked to read a particular book and that book will also be integrated with their classes and the beginning of a student project for Habitat for Humanity.
- Discussed his desire for a review of the general educational requirements and the implementation of a new plan in fall 2008.
- Discussed the budget which was recently approved by the board of governors and the salary increase that was partially funded by state appropriations. Monies received from the state were to provide a \$600 or \$1200 raise but no funds were provided for those positions not paid from state funds so instead of a salary increase of 3.5%, it will be 2.3%. In order to provide larger and more frequent salary increases there needs to be an increase in enrollment and retention of students; there are three fund sources—private, tuition/fees, and state appropriations. Improved enrollment and retention can create a more stable fund base. There is currently a 3-5 year plan to increase both of these.

**4. BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S REPORT:** Dr. James Sottile, Jr.

- Provided handouts (on file in the Faculty Senate office) on the university budget.
- Stated that the MCTC presidential search has been assigned to the same consulting firm used by the university when Dr. Kopp was hired.
- New signage will be obtained for the medical school.

**5. ADVISORY COUNCIL OF FACULTY'S REPORT:** Dr. Barbara O'Byrne

- Dr. Bruce Flack reported on the proposed policy change enabling four-year universities to hire term faculty in non-tenure track positions (up to 10%) is moving forward. It will be presented to the HEPC and will soon be available on that website for a 30-day review and comment period.
- Dr. Flack noted the cancellation of the Great Teachers Seminar this year and called for faculty to step forward to advocate and support either this or some other form of faculty professional development.
- Dr. Sylvia Shurbutt reported on the study of higher education faculty in West Virginia; the report is available on the ACF website
- Dr. Patricia Shafer reported on the HEPC task force of admission standards; the group is addressing goals.
- A planning meeting with Governor Manchin is scheduled for May 2007.
- The ACF is planning its annual retreat in July 2007.

**6. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**SR-06-07-11R FPC:** Recommends creating a Senior Level for Professor rank at Marshall University. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

**SR-06-07-19 CC:** Recommends approval of the listed CURRICULUM ACTION REQUEST from the COLLEGE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

**SR-06-07-20 CC:** Recommends approval of the listed COURSE ADDITIONS for the COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES and the COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

**MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED TO AMEND THE AGENDA**

Senator Clayton Brooks distributed the following resolution: Resolves that the Marshall University Board of Governors, in the interest of faculty governance, rescind Amendment 3.1 to Policy AA-7 regarding exceptions to salary increases for tenured and tenure-track faculty. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION UNTIL THE MAY 3, 2007 MEETING.***

**7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Each liaison reported to-date on their respective committee.

**8. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO THE SENATE: (5 minutes per person)**

A. Mr. Jim Stephens, Director, Human Resources Services. Discussed and provided a handout (on file in the Faculty Senate office) pertaining to the new grievance procedures.

**9. AGENDA REQUESTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

There were none.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:04P.M.**